



King County
Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Parks and Recreation Division
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North Green River Community Gardens

North Green River Community Gardens Application for New Gardener's.

Dates to Remember:

- **March 23rd- New gardener registration opens for any plot not renewed**
Plots not renewed must be cleaned up & vacated by March 7th or a monetary cleanup fee may be applied.
- **MEETING with King County staff and gardeners - Saturday, March 14, 10AM at the Kent Regional Library.** Share items you would like to add to the agenda by emailing Christy Cormier Christy.cormier@kingcounty.gov or calling her at 206-296-4221.
- **Winterization** - Water is shut off from about October 15th to April 15th to keep pipes from freezing.
- **October 31st- Garden season and plot rental ends. Remove ALL material, structures etc.**
- **November 1st- February 28th - Gardens are CLOSED**

Forum website [Http://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/north-green-river-community-garden](http://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/north-green-river-community-garden) Please visit this site and sign up as a forum member to see posts from King County Staff and gardeners who wish to share seeds, plants, meeting dates etc.

Monitors needed for Bulletin Board and Compost Bins – We are looking for one person to maintain the front Bulletin Board and 1 maybe 2 for the compost bins.

• Green River Community Gardens Renewal *Each plot is 10' x 40'*

- Name _____ e-mail _____
- Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
- Mobile Phone (____) _____ Day Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____
- I gardened at this location in 2014 and would like to renew my plots # (please list) _____
- **Cost:** # _____ plots x \$50.00 per plot = \$ _____ **total due** ☐ Enclosed is my check made to King County Parks
- **Charge my credit card:** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover
- # _____ Exp. Date _____
- ***KING COUNTY HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE***
- The undersigned adult on behalf of themselves, their child and/or children agree to protect, defend indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments or costs of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter “claims”), arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities of said individual in King County Park System programs except for those acts or commissions which are the sole negligence of the County.

Signature Required _____ **Date** _____

Return this signed form with payment to
King County Parks, Marymoor Park
6046 W Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Rules for Gardeners:

These rules are designed to help the garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and makes this a successful program. However, any gardener who receives a warning but continues to break these rules will lose gardening privileges and his/her plot(s) will be re-assigned without a refund.

1. **Organic Gardening Only.** Organic methods only. NO chemicals including pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Slug bait is permitted only when used in enclosed containers, which must be removed from the site after use. Use of any human waste or raw animal waste, including "hot or green" manure is not allowed due to environmental and health concerns. Organic fertilizers are allowed: compost, fully composted manures, fish meal, lime etc. Plants on King County's Noxious Weed List are not allowed. See the web page at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/noxious-weeds/laws.aspx>
2. **Cultivation:**
 - a. Gardeners may not infringe on the space of other gardeners.
 - b. Gardens are made available for your use on a temporary basis and all plantings must be removed at the end of your use period.
 - c. Plots must be cleared, weeded and planted by May 1st or will be assumed to be abandoned and can be reassigned to new gardeners, with no refund given.
 - d. Plots must be weeded regularly during the spring, summer and fall growing seasons
 - e. Gardeners must be present during watering. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and sprinklers may not be left on unattended. If the well runs dry, the pump will be destroyed and no water will be available. Please conserve water for the benefit of everyone. Water is to be used for gardening only.
 - f. Growing trees, large shrubs and spreading plants like bamboo and English Ivy is prohibited.
 - g. Tall plants like corn or pole beans should be planted where they will not cast extensive shade on neighboring plots.
 - h. Berry vines are discouraged. If planted they must be contained controlled from spreading by cutting off new shoots at ground level, as they sprout beyond the contained plant footprint.
 - i. Tires are not allowed. Watering containers must be left empty. Standing water attracts mosquito breeding and the potential for spreading virus.
3. **Plot Turnover:**
 - a. Only one person may be the official plot holder, even if co-gardening. Plot holders cannot give the garden space to others, even the co-gardener.
 - b. When plot holders no longer want the plot they must notify the parks contact by October 31st, remove everything brought onto the property and leave the plot clean.
 - c. Plot holders are not allowed to permanently work other people's plots. Beginning in 2013, the maximum number of garden plots allowed by new gardeners is 2 per household.
 - d. Annual renewal – Gardeners must renew their garden space annually by March 7th.
4. **Courtesy:**
 - a. Since plots are close together, being a good neighbor is important. Resolve differences in a respectful way - stay polite, listen carefully, be open minded and seek solutions. Verbal or physical threats or abuse will not be tolerated. For serious conflicts, contact the parks division contact.
 - b. DO NOT TAKE ANYTHING from another plot without permission and NEVER DUMP ANYTHING on another plot, whether it is rented or vacant. You may be charged for the cleanup cost.
 - c. Loud radios are prohibited
 - d. Closely supervise your children. Children using tools in the garden must be supervised by an adult who is within sight and voice distance.
5. **Gardens are closed from November 1 – February 28** Gardeners must remove everything brought onto park property by October 31st. If gardeners fail to adequately clean out their plots, parks maintenance staff will do so and those gardeners will be billed for the clean-up labor and dumping fees.
6. **Keep The Community Garden Clean, Tidy and Visually Appealing:** Gardeners may not allow clutter, trash or "junk" to accumulate in plots. No plot may have more than 1 small table and 2 outdoor chairs. Once again: ALL ITEMS BROUGHT ON THE PROPERTY MUST BE REMOVED BY OCTOBER 31ST Outdoor tables, chairs, barbeques etc. may not be left next to the garbage cans for parks staff to dispose of. If you brought it in, you take it out.
7. **Trellises, Fences, Greenhouses, and Storage Sheds** No structures, including trellises, sheds and greenhouses, are permitted. Fences may not be taller than 3ft.. Written permission may be given for temporary greenhouses no larger than 6' x 8' which MUST be removed annually by October 31st. **Permanent structures will NOT be allowed after 2014. Existing structures must be removed from park property by 10/31/15 or they will be removed by King County Parks at the cost of the gardener.**
8. **No Illegal Dumping: ONLY MATERIAL USED FOR GARDENING ON YOUR PLOT MAY BE PLACED IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN GARBAGE CANS AND COMPOST BINS.** Illegal Dumping is a violation of K.C.C. 23.02.140 and carries a fine of up to \$500. Please report illegal dumping
9. **Use the Compost Bin Appropriately: "CLEAN GREEN" PLANT MATERIAL FROM YOUR GARDEN PLOT ONLY** may go into the compost bin. Contaminated compost cannot be recycled and must go to the land fill. Garden dumping fees (over \$7,000/yr.) are not covered by plot fees and must be limited to ensure the continuation of the community gardens. Gardeners must sort out non-compostable material and place it in garbage cans. **Be a Good Gardener, Compost Carefully!**
 - **No Plastic:** including empty compost/fertilizer bags, garbage bags full of plant material (empty the bag and put it in the garbage can), jugs, plant pots and tags, containers, crates etc.
 - **No Metal:** including wire fencing, fence posts, stakes, cans, old tools, nails, brackets etc.
 - **No Lumber:** including plant stakes, bean poles, fence posts, wooden crates and pallets etc.
 - **No Rocks, Bricks, Broken Cement, Cinder Blocks, Pavers, Clay Pots etc.**
10. **No Commercial Gardening:** Gardeners may not sell anything grown in the community gardens. Gardens are to be used for recreational gardening and growing vegetables and flowers for personal use only.
11. **Paths:** Do not pile weeds, rocks, other debris, tools or hoses in the pathways which will prohibit mowing.
12. **King County Parks is not responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged goods.** DO NOT LEAVE TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL ITEMS OR VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE OR IN THE GARDENS. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify the King County Sheriff: 206-296-3311 as well your garden contact: 206-205-3661.
13. **Motorized vehicles are prohibited** Engine driven equipment such as small rototillers, mowers, and weed-whackers are allowed.
14. **No Animals** are allowed in the garden area at any time.
15. **No Smoking** is allowed in the gardens.
16. **Winterization:** Water is shut off from about October 15th to April 15th to keep pipes from freezing.